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B) CINCPAC 080334Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. REF A INDICATED INTEREST WAKE ISLAND O & M CONTRACTOR, HAWAII KENTRON, HIRE QUALIFIED VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. AT SAME TIME, KENTRON APPARENTLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE ADVERSE RACTION BY GOP DUE FACT COMPANY RELIANCE ON PHILIPPINE LABOR FOR MAJORITY O & M EMPLOYEES AT WAKE ISLAND. REF B. RAISES QUESTION POSSIBLE NEED TO INVOLVE GOP IF SINGLE SOURCE NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN FILIPINO WORKFORCE TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY REFUGEES.

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2. LABOR ATTACHE (LABATT) MANILA DISCUSSED MATTER IN-

FORMALLY MAY 8 WITH CARMELO NORIEL, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LABOR RELATIONS, DOL. NORIEL, AS FORMER FILIPINO LABOR ATTACHE IN HAWAII, VERY FAMILIAR WITH KENTRON OPERATION. VOICING APPRECIATION FOR HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS SITUATION, HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT HIRING LIMITED NUMBER REFUGEES ON TEMPORARY BASIS ALL RIGHT IN PRINCIPLE. POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY "MAJOR CHANGE" BOUND TO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT RIFFED FILIPINO KENTRON EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY IN MANILA HAD REHIRING RIGHTS BASED UPON SENIORITY. IF IT LOOKED AS THOUGH KENTRON PLANNED HIRE MORE THAN TOKEN NUMBER REFUGEES, NORIEL SUGGESTED MATTER SHOULD BE RAISED WITH LABOR UNDER-SECRETARY AMADO INCIONG.

3. BY HAPPY COINCIDENCE, KENTRON REPRESENTATIVE EVERETT HARRELL CURRENTLY IN MANILA ARRANGING FOR REHIRING OF SOME 56 FORMER EMPLOYEES FOR WAKE ISLAND. HE HOPES HAVE THEM ON THEIR WAY BY MAY 15, WHICH IS ALSO TENTATIVE DATE HIS DEPARTURE. HE ALSO ATTEMPTING ROUND UP SOME 30 FILIPINO EMPLOYEES (PART OF KENTRON'S 200-MAN FILIPINO WORKFORCE ON WAKE ISLAND) CURRENTLY ON VACATION IN PHILIPPINES. TO HIS BEST KNOWLEDGE, KNETRON PROPOSED HIRE "A FEW REFUGEES" AS WELL AS SOME AMERICAN CIVILIAN REFUGEES ON TEMPORARY BASIS. HARRELL PLANNED TOUCH BASE WITH HOME OFFICE MAY 9 IN ORDER OBTAIN MORE ACCURATE INFORMATION RE KENTRON INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT NUMBE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES THEY CONSIDERING HIRING. HE PROMISED KEEP LABATT INFORMED.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY OBTAIN "CLARANCE" FROM GOP FOR HIRING OF REFUGEES BY KENTRON (PAR 3, REF A). HOWEVER, IN INTEREST MAINITAINING HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WE CURRENTLY ENJOY WITH GOP ON MATTERS INVOLVING U.S.-HIRED FILIPINO WORKERS (ESPECIALLY ON OUR BASES HERE), WE PROPOSE CONSULT FURTHER WITH DOL AS SOON AS MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE. SHOUL IT TURN OUT THAT MORE THAN "FEW" VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WOULD BE INVOLVED, CONSULTATION WOULD BE AT LEVEL UNDERSECRETARY INCIONG. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER DETAILS SOONEST, INCLUDING VERIFICATION HIRING INDEED ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

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5. ALTHOUGH IT POSES NO PROBLEM FOR OUR RELATIONS HERE, WE ASSUME VIETNAMESE REFUGEES THAT MAY BE HIRED AT WAKE HAVE NO NATIONAL STATUS, I.E., THEY ARE PRESUMABLY NOT DOCUMENTED EITHER AS VIETNAMESE OR AMERICANS. DEPARTMENT OF STATE MAY WANT TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF WHETHER ABSENCE SUCH DOCUMENTATION POSES ANY HIRING PROBLEM. SULLIVAN

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